

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please substitute replacement Figure 2 which is enclosed herewith. The replacement figure 2 is labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the top margin as required by 37 CFR 1.84. The following changes have been made to figure 2:

1. Data points previously shown by a solid triangle ▲ are now shown by a shaded box ■.

2. Data points previously shown by a dark circle ● are now shown by a clear circle ○.

3. Data points previously shown by a solid, inverted triangle ▼ are now shown by a clear box □.

4. The scale of the y-axis has been increased relative to the scale of the x-axis in an effort to further separate the data points and improve legibility. However, the data presented in the graph has not changed.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11-18, and 21 are of record in this application. Claim 5 has been amended. No claims have been canceled, and no new claims have been added.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested to overcome the sole ground of rejection and the objection to the figure presented in the final rejection, and to thereby place the application in condition for allowance, or in the alternative to place the application in better form for appeal. Specifically, claim 5 has been amended to delete the terminology objected to by the Examiner, and a substitute Figure 2 has been presented which uses different symbols in the graph. Applicants therefore believe that the amendment does not raise any new issues that would require further consideration or search and entry is respectfully requested.

The amendments were not presented earlier because Applicants believed that previously presented claim 5 was patentable, and not indefinite, and that the symbols used in original Figure 2 were adequately described in the specification at paragraph no. 0015.

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Objection to the Disclosure

The Examiner has objected to the Figures because it is not clear what the symbols represent, and specifically which data points are circles. In reply, Applicants believed that the symbols in the originally presented Figure 2 were legible, and that the data points shown by the light and dark circles were distinguishable. However, in an effort to expedite prosecution, a substitute Figure 2 has been submitted. Applicants note that although the data presented in the graph has not changed, Applicants have used different symbols and increased the scale of the y-axis in an effort to improve legibility. Paragraph no. 0015 on page 5 of the specification has also been amended to substitute the new symbols used in the amended Figure 2.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 5 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for use of the phrase "substantially free". Applicants respectfully disagree.

Although Applicants believe that the remarks presented in response to this rejection in the last amendment are still appropriate, claim 5 has been amended to delete the word "substantially" in an effort to expedite prosecution.

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For the reasons stated above, claims 1-9, 11-18, and 21 are believed to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112. Allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure

-Figures 1-4, including replacement Figure 2 (4 pages)